

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS  
February 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Franks at 7:00 p.m. at the R.E. Franks Meeting Center in the Eileen Painter room.

GUESTS: Paul Hendren, Dave Atchley, Janet Decker, Dave Traxler, Herschel Hammerschmidt, Dave Laker, Ted Rund, Rodney Schweighart, Wes Stone, Julie Horan, Dinish Chawla, Susanne Hendren and Christine Walsh.

ROLL CALL: Present-Trustees Steve Messman, Steve Sappenfield, Rachael Garrett and Paul Brady. Absent-Trustees John Mumma and Pat Pioletti.

MINUTES: Trustee Paul Brady made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman to approve the minutes of January 13, 2016. Voice vote, all "aye's" motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT: Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rachael Garrett to approve the payment of bills as presented. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Messman, Sappenfield, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

TED RUND: Ted stated he is planning another addition to his subdivision or possibly a new subdivision. He asked if the Board would be willing to talk to Aqua to see if they would make an exception to their standard of using ductile over plastic, which would save on expenses. Ted prefers to have larger lots indicating he could do five (5) or fifteen (15) going East or possibly ten (10) going south. President Franks stated he would give Aqua a call, adding he didn't know how much influence we might have since we no longer own the water system.

PHILO GAS & CAR WASH: Denish Chawla and Julie Horan presented a drawing of how the gas station building would be laid out for the wine tasting room, which would have limited access to those patrons. Denish indicated the initial idea of using the car wash will not be an option because it would be too expensive to remodel. He also stated this will be up to a six month process or more because the new gaming board is very strict and they have to do it correctly. They are planning these changes because they feel they may lose some business to the Dollar General Store. They are looking into offering pizza, subs or ice cream and making changes to survive. Trustee Brady asked how many wine tastings. Denish indicated they plan to have them once a week, which will be announced as tastings, not sit down and drink, as in a bar. They plan to make changes to how they access the coolers. Trustee Brady asked if they plan changes to the outside. Denish said the first thing they want to do is a new roof with other changes to be made as they can. President Franks commented that if poker (gaming) machines are approved they are turned on and off per city set hours of operation. Attorney Hendren stated the question for the Board to consider is if they want to amend their Liquor Ordinance to authorize another "B" license. The Board would need to pass an Ordinance for another "B" license, which they can discuss

at this meeting and act on at the March meeting. After discussion by the Board, President Franks directed Attorney Hendren to prepare said Ordinance to be acted on at the March meeting.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Dave Atchley stated they completed compaction reports for the Dollar General and that they still plan for a mid March opening. Dave T. indicated they will be finishing up on MFT and will ask the Clerk for information. The maps are finished. President Franks asked Dave Traxler keep the information updated. In regard to drainage, President Franks commented that Trustee Mumma contacted Premier and that he and John will meet with Roger Miller to discuss drainage detention and holding pond issue. The current plan includes excavation of a dry basin with under drains (which drains to drainage district and leave out easy). This will be enlarged to hold more water. Trustee Brady asked if will take care of five (5) inch rain or just normal rain. Larry stated it should take care of 5-6 inch rains, adding this all hinges on (Village) getting the property.

Trustee Brady also voiced concern about preventing erosion at the Dollar General drainage area. Dave Atchley said there will be grass, silt fence and going to have number four stone with grading coming off and they will turf or net and reinforce.

ATTORNEY HENDREN: Mr. Hendren said his only item was the Liquor License and that has already been discussed.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Rod Schweighart said the bills were normal and reported that the backhoe has been paid off. The REFMC will be paid off in another year and a half. Trustee Sappenfield asked about the lack of budget amounts on the Income Statement. Clerk Kirby replied they did not print after she updated the Sage program used by the Village. She will contact the company and find out if it can be transferred from the former program or if she has to re-input the appropriated amounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Philo Gas & Car Wash request, already discussed.

President Franks, Dave Traxler, Dave Atchley and the drainage committee will meet to discuss the sump pump drainage onto Washington Street issue.

Same group will meet and discuss the Elder/Simpson drainage issue.

NEW BUSINESS: Janet Decker presented her REFMC report and indicated all rental accounts are up-to-date. They have a lot of upcoming events and have the same amount of weddings receptions scheduled as last year and in addition several summer league rentals. They are getting bids for new bleachers. The lady that fell on the bleachers, caused by them not being in locked position, did not go to the doctor and the claim has been closed. The Board asked about stairs to the stage and thought Dave Traxler could ask someone he knows about making them.

Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady, to enter Executive Session to discuss an employee. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Messman, Sappenfield, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR SESSION: The meeting reconvened with Trustees Messman, Sappenfield, Garrett and Brady present as well as President Franks, Clerk Kirby, Attorney Hendren, Janet Decker, David Traxler, Christine Walsh and Dave Laker.

Trustee Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Brady, to increase Janet Decker's pay by \$250.00 and approve President Franks' suggestion to appoint her to Deputy Clerk. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Messman, Sappenfield, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

**Trustee Brady:** Questioned increasing the number of gambling machines. Much as he likes the income to the Village, he voiced concern of putting too much temptation on people. Some have seen people lose \$500 and then go to the cash machine or spend an entire paycheck at the machines. He wonders if the wine tasting is just a way to get the machines. Trustee Messman stated that is exactly what it is. Resident Dave Laker commented that the qualifier is the wine tasting, but it can be held whether anyone comes or not. Attorney Hendren indicated our decision is to issue a "B" liquor license or not, which literally qualifies and if not by law, State could shut down machines. President Franks said it is a hard decision, they (PG&CW) withstood Casey's and the new Dollar General could hurt them. A local business is trying to make it. It's not our decision about gambling or morality and we certainly don't want an empty building. Resident Laker said it is hard to draw a line. Trustee Sappenfield commented we make money, but not as much as other towns. Our demographic is different. Trustee Brady added they will probably want to fix up outside to draw people.

**Trustee Garrett:** Nothing

**Clerk Kirby:** Nothing

**Trustee Sappenfield:** Nothing

**Trustee Messman:** Nothing

**President Franks:** Said it was good news that John & Brenda Mumma got back today. Larry added that the drainage issues will be addressed and the meeting set up. He asked about approval to appoint Trustee Sappenfield as President Pro-Temp, but after discussion and learning the Clerk would be on vacation, they thought about changing the meeting date. Trustee Brady made a motion, seconded by Trustee Messman, to change the March meeting from March 9<sup>th</sup> to March 2, 2016. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Messman, Sappenfield, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously. Janet Decker will note this change on the website, post notice and notify Christine Walsh and Denish Chawla.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Trustee Garrett made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sappenfield, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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VILLAGE CLERK

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT